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IPC 7 B65D

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	US 5 785 301 A (SCHEINDEL CHRISTIAN T) 28 July 1998 (1998-07-28) column 4, line 2 - line 6; figures 2, 3	1, 11, 12
A	US 5 975 378 A (BAYER CHRISTIAN) 2 November 1999 (1999-11-02) column 5, line 62 - column 6, line 4	13

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1. claims: 1-12

A two-part grommet, a valve with said grommet, and a container with said valve

2. claim: 13

A method for treating a grommet

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Information on patent family members

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